which is to be forwarded to NRC un-opened. No licensee, licensee con-tractor official, or other person at a fa-cility is permitted to review Part 2 in-formation);

(ii) Two standard fingerprint cards (FD–258);

(iii) Security Acknowledgment (NRC Form 176); and

(iv) Other related forms where speci-fied in accompanying instructions (NRC Form 254).

(2) Only a Security Acknowledgment (NRC Form 176) need be completed by any person possessing an active access authorization, or who is being proc-essed for an access authorization, by another Federal agency. The active or pending access authorization must be at an equivalent level to that required by the NRC and be based on an ade-quate investigation of not more than five years old.

(e) To avoid delays in processing re-quests for access authorizations, each security packet should be reviewed for completeness and correctness (includ-ing legibility of response on the forms) before submittal.

(f)(1) The Office of Personnel Manage-ment (OPM) bills NRC for the cost of each background investigation con-ducted in support of an application for access authorization. The combined cost of the OPM investigation and NRC's application processing overhead are recovered from the licensee through an authorization fee cal-culated with reference to current OPM personnel investigation billing rates {OPM rate + [(OPM rate × 11.6%), rounded to the nearest dollar] = NRC access authorization fee}. Updated OPM billing rates are published peri-odically in a Federal Investigations Notice (FIN) issued by OPM's Inves-tigations Service. Copies of the current OPM billing schedule can be obtained by phoning the NRC's Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security, Of-fice of Administration at 1–800–368–5642. Any change in the NRC's access au-thorization fees will be applicable to each access authorization request re-ceived on or after the effective date of OPM's most recently published inves-tigations billing schedule.

(2) Applications for access authoriza-tion or access authorization renewal

processing that are submitted to the NRC for processing must be accom-panied by a check or money order, pay-able to the United States Nuclear Reg-ulatory Commission, representing the current cost for the processing of each ''Q'' and ''L'' access authorization, or renewal request. Applicants shall cal-culate the access authorization fee ac-cording to the stated formula {OPM rate + [(OPM rate × 11.6%), rounded to the nearest dollar] = NRC access au-thorization fee} and with reference to the table in Appendix A to this part.

(3) Certain applications from individ-uals having current Federal access au-thorizations may be processed more ex-peditiously and at less cost, since the Commission, at its discretion, may de-cide to accept the certification of ac-cess authorization and investigative data from other Federal Government agencies that grant personnel access authorizations.

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§ 25.19 Processing applications.

Each application for an access au-thorization or access authorization re-newal must be submitted to the CSA. If the NRC is the CSA, the application and its accompanying fee must be sub-mitted to the NRC Division of Facili-ties and Security. If necessary, the NRC Division of Facilities and Secu-rity may obtain approval from the ap-propriate Commission office exercising licensing or regulatory authority be-fore processing the access authoriza-tion or access authorization renewal request. If the applicant is disapproved for processing, the NRC Division of Fa-cilities and Security shall notify the submitter in writing and return the original application (security packet) and its accompanying fee.

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§ 25.21 Determination of initial and continued eligibility for access au-thorization.

(a) Following receipt by the CSA of the reports of the personnel security investigations, the record will be re-viewed to determine that granting an access authorization or renewal of ac-cess authorization will not endanger